



County of Placer
Fish and Game Commission
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District 1 – Don Gould	District 5 – Kari Freidig
District 2 – Mark Fowler	District 5 – Mickey Daniels
District 3 – Jim Victorine	District 5 – Scott Husmann
District 4 – Gary Flanagan	

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 26, 2017, 6:00 PM
Placer County Planning Commission Hearing Room
3091 County Center Drive, Auburn, CA
County Contact: Ed King

1. **Call to Order** – Kari Freidig
2. **Roll Call**
Present: Daniels, Fowler, Freidig, Husmann, Victorine, Gould
Absent: Flanagan
3. **Approval of April 26, 2017 Agenda & March 22, 2017 Minutes**
Agenda: Fowler/Gould/MPUV
Minutes: Freidig/Fowler/MPUV Abstain: Gould
4. **Public Comment:** Individuals may address the Commission on items under the jurisdiction of the Fish and Game Commission not included on this agenda for no longer than five (5) minutes. **No action can be taken on items addressed under Public Comment.**

None.
5. **Financial Report**
Expenditures through March totaled \$8,541, which includes \$4,800 in grant awards.

Court fines and penalty assessments through March totaled \$689.
6. **Agency Reports:**
 - A. **Commissioner Reports**
Fowler – State Water Resources Control Board will be holding a hearing on May 2 to consider adoption of the proposed Part 2 of the Water Quality Control Plan for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California—Tribal and Subsistence Fishing Beneficial Uses and Mercury Provisions.

Victorine – Access to Hell Hole Reservoir is restricted due to road damage.

Gould – on Saturday April 29 the Placer Sportsmen will host their 70th annual kids fishing derby in Auburn.
 - B. **State Fish & Game Commission Subcommittee:** Mark Fowler
 - CDFW is seeking artists for the annual duck stamp competition.
 - State Fish & Game Commission has received a petition to list the Cascades frog as threatened or endangered.

The Fish & Game Commission is composed of appointed community members whose purpose is to advise the Board of Supervisors on matters regarding conservation and management of fish and wildlife. Residents are encouraged to attend and provide input. Placer County is committed to ensuring that persons with disabilities are provided the resources to participate fully in public meeting. If you require disability-related modifications or accommodations, including auxiliary aid or services, to attend or participate in this meeting, please contact the Placer County Agriculture Department at (530) 889-7372.



- Trout season opens April 29.
- Low salmon projections are resulting in fishing restrictions and closures including closure of the entire Klamath Management Zone ocean salmon fishery.

C. Land Use Subcommittee: Scott Husmann

Three initial planning projects were forwarded for review in April: Tahoe City one lot subdivision for condominium construction; Tahoe Maritime Center campus; and, Ventura at Granite Bay housing development. None of the projects were deemed to present significant impacts to fish and wildlife at this time.

D. Department of Fish & Wildlife

None.

E. Nevada Irrigation District and Placer County Water Agency

PCWA:

French Meadows is at 99% capacity and Hell Hole is at 100% and spilling. Flows are high throughout the Middle Fork Project and will be through at least May. Mosquito Ridge Road into the Project was recently opened but there are 3 locations where it's down to one lane due to road conditions. Mosquito Ridge Rd is closed at the Middle Fork Interbay turn. Ralston Ridge/Blacksmith Flat Rd is closed at Ralston PH due to a landslide and will be closed into August. 11 Pines Rd is closed near Rubicon River due to numerous landslides. Estimated re-opening is unknown. Given these closures, there is presently no vehicular access to French Meadows or Hell Hole reservoirs. The USFS is endeavoring to open campgrounds by Memorial Day weekend, but this is largely dependent on snow melt.

Folsom Reservoir is filling and outflows are high, and are projected by Reclamation to be 5,000+ cfs through August.

NID:

Storage = 246,500 AF; 93% capacity; 125% of average for this date.

Precipitation = 133.08"; 207% of average; the wet pattern continued into April; precipitation is 250% of average at Bowman.

Snow water content = 56.1" in the April 1 surveys; 168% of average; with the cool wet April there has not been much melting yet, the results of the May 1 surveys may even be slightly higher than April.

7. Information Items:

- A.** Andy Fisher, Parks Administrator for Placer County Public Works and Facility Services, will be discussing the Hidden Falls Regional Park Trails Network Expansion project

Andy Fisher presented an overview of Placer County's park and trail system and detailed the Hidden Falls Regional Park Trails Network Expansion project.

Placer County owns and maintains 32 parks, 8 beaches, 102 miles of trails, landscaped grounds, and open space covering 2,205 acres. The county is currently developing its first countywide park and trail master plan. The plan will consider recreation use demands and needs for the next ten years. An online survey is underway to collect information from the public and outreach workshops will be held this summer.

Hidden Falls Regional Park opened in 2006 and is exceptionally popular to the point that up to 250 cars are turned away on weekend days. An automated reservation system will be in place this fall.

The park has various fish and wildlife interpretive signs as well as posted fishing regulations enforced by CDFW. Hunting is prohibited in the park but may be reconsidered at a future date.

Placer County in conjunction with the Placer Land Trust since 2010 have acquired conservation easements or fee title purchases through the Placer Legacy open space and habitat protection program on additional parcels including Taylor Ranch, Outman Big Hill Preserve, and the Harvego Bear River Preserve. The County retains trail rights on these properties and is starting the environmental review process to expand the trail network in the area. Also expect to develop a trailhead at a newly acquired parcel off Garden Bar Rd to the west of Hidden Falls. Future trailhead access is also being planned at the Harvego Bear River Preserve.

The Notice of Preparation for the trail expansion project EIR was released at the end of January and the comment period closed March 1. A public scoping meeting was held February 21. The Draft EIR is scheduled for release in October and will be presented to the MACs and the Planning Commission. Final EIR will be completed in 2018.

- B. Update: Fish & Game Commission Business Cards
Proceeding with individual business card orders through Central Services.

8. Adjournment – 6:55 p.m.